



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 27th 2024 6:00pm
MINUTES

Present: Gord Sitter, Brad Callihoo, Trevor McEachnie, Brendon Caron, Curt Jensen, Kevin Bathurst, Chris Ashburn (GVMHA Referee-in-Chief)

Regrets: Noelle Crombie, Jesse Wunderlich, Jenna Skerratt, Nik Vischraper, Whitney Chanter, Chris Collard

NO QUORUM

1. Call for Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts

2. Approval of Agenda

Adding update from Referee-in-Chief Chris Ashburn

Table the approval to Sep. 18 meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Table the approval to Sep. 18 meeting.

4. Approval of the Financial Statements

Table the approval to Sep. 18 meeting.

5. Update from Referee-in-Chief

Hockey Canada has added or changed some rules for the 2024-2025 Minor Hockey Season.

1. Updating Non-Sanctioned Hockey Policy, RIC's opinion is that this rule is "a softening of their stance on Non-Sanctioned Hockey"

2. Rule 2.2(a): Maximum Roster size is now 20 players (18 skaters and 2 goalies), was previously 19 (17+2)

3. Rule 3.6 (d): Equipment – When a goaltender loses their helmet, facial protector, blocker or trapper, **or skate blade**, play will be stopped immediately, unless there is an imminent scoring chance that does not pose a safety risk to the goaltender. (Rule change is addition of skate blade to rule 3.6d)

4. Rule 6.3 (e)(i): Any stoppage of play occurring in the end-zone as the result of the puck going out of play or being unplayable will result in the ensuing face-off taking place in that end-zone at the face-off spot nearest to where the puck was last legally played, regardless of whether the defending or attacking team causes the stoppage. (Rule now eliminates debate about correct face-off location “ie. Did the defenseman tip it out or was it straight out off offensive stick?”)
5. Rule 7.1 (a): A double Minor penalty will be assessed to a player who commits any of the following acts with a minimal degree of violence and without using such an action to gain an advantage or inflict punishment or injury:
 - i. Pulls an opponent’s hair,
 - ii. Grabs the facial protector, helmet, chin strap, or throat protector of an opponent,
 - iii. Head-butts or attempts to head-butt an opponent.

(Rule has been added to have more consistency with Head Contact rule, “ie. Grabbing a throat protector is not necessarily Head Contact, but still a minimum double Minor penalty)
6. Rule 8.7: Clipping, also known as a “low hit”, is where a player uses their body to make contact at or below an opponent’s hips. This may take the form of a player lowering their body prior to making a check or being checked. Players may not crouch down to avoid being bodychecked. (Rule has more clarification, simplifies judgement officials must make for a clipping infraction. Player who makes contact with an opponent **anywhere below the hips** should be penalized for Clipping.)
7. Rule 8.8 (c): A Match penalty, at the discretion of the referee, based on the degree of violence of impace (including the impact with the ice, goal, or boards) may be assessed to any player who slew-feets an opponent (Rule has added goal or boards as considerations for assessing a Match penalty. Purpose of rule is to highlight dangerous outcomes and provide officials with additional guidance on slew-footing infractions)
8. Rule 10.2 (a): A hand pass occurs when a player makes a deliberate attempt to stop, knock down, or push the puck with their hand, and a teammate in the neutral or attacking zone gains control of the puck. This includes when a hand pass occurs and the puck deflects off any person or object, prior to the teammate gaining possession and control of the puck (Rule adds clarification that a hand pass infraction must be the result of a deliberate action by the offending player, and that this rule applies even if the puck does not go in the direction intended by the player)
9. Rule 10.5(a): A minor penalty will be assessed to any player who throws, shoots, or kicks a stick or any other object, anywhere on the ice. (Rule adds “kicking a stick or any other object” as criteria. Purpose of this rule is to ensure players cannot use their sticks or other objects to interfere or threaten to interfere with opposing players)

RIC also working on a potential ref clinic for GVMHA Coaches.

RIC exits meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report – Kevin Bathurst

6.1 U13A Female – Program is officially moving forward. Icetimes in Lumby and Vernon. Team will go by Lakers. U13 Lakers jerseys will go to A team. New U13 Female Rec jerseys have been ordered. Nathan Rush to Head Coach this program. League will consist of Kelowna, Kamloops, Vernon, and Prince George. Tryouts to happen alongside GVMHA Rep tryouts, beginning September 3rd.

6.2 U13 T1 Evaluation Update – Phase 1 evaluation was successful. Gross revenue of \$11400. No grievances from released players. Various Board Members impressed with Staff's professionalism and delivery of the evaluation process.

6.3 Rep Evaluation Update – Phase 1 begins September 3rd. Everything ready to go.

6.4 Rec Assessment Update – September 23-27

6.5 Team Formation Updates – 564 players registered as of Aug. 27. Expecting to hit last year's total.

6.6. Rec/Rep Coach Updates – still looking for a few coaches at select ages.

6.7 Summer Camp Recap – Director of Player Development Matt Stang has done a fantastic job on the 2024 Summer Camps. Revenue increased from approximately \$10k in 2023, to \$20k in 2024. Expenses were also down.

7. Update on Action Items from previous meeting

7.1 Acquisition of Vaughn First Shift Goalie Equipment – Curt Jensen

-Vaughn's program is specifically for U7-U9 athletes. Does not meet our equipment needs, not worth pursuing further.

7.2 Membership communication on goalie equipment – Brad Callihoo/Kevin Bathurst

- emails planned to go out to Rec families prior to start of Rec Assessments.

7.3 Coca-Cola Tournament Update – Kevin Bathurst

-Tournament Committee has agreed to waive fees for GVMHA U13 T1 Mustangs.

8. Strategic Plan Updates

1.1 Communication/Education Improvement – Brad Callihoo

Brad will reach out via email to all board members to strike a Communication/Education Sub-committee.

1.2 Ref Stream Development – Nik Vischraper

Nik not present

1.3 Improve Rec Experience – Jesse Wunderlich

Jesse not present

1.4 Community Partnerships – Whitney Chanter

Whitney not present

9. Directors' New Business

No new business conducted.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Brendon Caron, Seconded by Trevor McEachnie, all in favour.

NEXT MEETING: September 18th, 2024 6:00pm Breakaway Room

APPROVED